

[LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS NO. 1260, July 28, 1982]

TO: The Ministry of Natural Resources
The Ministry of Agrarian Reform
The Ministry of Agriculture
The Ministry of Education and Culture
The Ministry of Health
The Ministry of Human Settlements
The Ministry of Justice
The Ministry of Local Government
The Ministry of Public Works and Highways
The Ministry of Social Services and Development
The National Economic Development Authority

WHEREAS, the concept of man's new role of stewardship over our natural resources is well-enshrined in the new Constitution of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the mobilization of forest resources for the social and economic progress of the nation has been an existing major development strategy in support of which the government has been involved in forestry development/renewal programs such as forest ecosystem management (PROFEM), forest occupancy Management (FOM), family approach to reforestation, communal free farming, (CTF), industrial tree plantation (ITP), agro-forest farms, range management, forest industries food production programs (FIFPP);

WHEREAS, the government recognizes that among the less privileged sectors of society, the kaingineros and other occupants of forest lands could be made effective agents of the state in food production and in the rehabilitation of forest lands;

WHEREAS, in fulfillment of the government's continuing concern for the improvement of the quality of life of the kainginero and settler population it is necessary that the foregoing socially oriented programs be further expanded, strengthened, and assimilated into the national livelihood (KKK) movement; and

WHEREAS, the continuing effective implementation of the integrated social forestry programs involving both forest resource management and forest-based livelihood development will require the close cooperation and assistance of various government agencies and instrumentalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines do hereby order the following:

1. That the Ministry of Natural Resources together with the Minister of Agrarian Reform, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Human Settlements, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Local Government, Ministry of Public Works and Highway, Ministry of Social Services and Development and the National Economic Development Authority, pursuant to Executive Order No. 715, shall implement an Integrated Social Forestry Program hereafter to be known as PROFEM II for kaingineros and other occupants and communities dependent on areas classified as forest lands for

their livelihood;

2. That the Ministry of Natural Resources form a Committee, constituted by the heads of the aforementioned Ministries as members and presided over by the Minister of Natural Resources as Chairman, for the purpose of planning all the necessary activities leading to the effective and vigorous implementation of PROFEM II.

3. That the primary roles of the aforementioned Ministries are as follows:

a) The Ministry of Natural Resources shall be primarily responsible for implementing PROFEM II. It shall identify kaingin areas to be developed into settlements, expeditiously process leasehold papers and management plans as required by PD 705, as amended, coordinate, and establish linkages with other agencies of the government to provide the target communities with the needed support for rapid development of their occupied lands;

b) The Ministry of Agrarian Reform shall determine the individual and social condition of the kaingineros and similar occupants of forest lands who deserve government assistance, motivate them to support PROFEM II, help them organize themselves and manage and maintain viable family-size agro-forest landholdings, assist in identifying suitable kaingin areas for settlement and in the establishment of organized settlement, and help prevent the introduction of feudal systems of tenure in forest lands;

c) The Ministry Agriculture shall advise kaingineros and other PROFEM II participants on appropriate species to plant and proper soil management and conservation, provide appropriate agro-forestry technology for specific upland areas and train kaingineros and other PROFEM II participants, in livestock production;

d) The Ministry of Education and Culture, shall conduct non-formal education classes emphasizing agro-forestry techniques, sewing, food preparation/ processing and similar trades and crafts;

e) The Ministry of Health shall cause the establishment of health facilities and train the communities on areas of health, nutrition and sanitation;

f) The Ministry of Human Settlements shall see to it that the Kainginero settlements are provided the eleven basic needs required and oversee the participation of the target communities in the KKK movement;

g) The Ministry of Justice shall provide legal assistance to Kaingineros, other forest land occupants and participants